

1. Waivers

Medicaid Waiver Programs / Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

For eligible children/adolescents, Medicaid Waiver Programs allow Medicaid to pay for some services not normally provided through “regular” Medicaid in order to facilitate keeping children in their local community and out of institutional placement. All waiver program eligibles are eligible for Medicaid services. Waiver programs vary as to whether they require that the participant be Medicaid program eligible or Medicaid program ineligible, and whether they require that the participant be in actual receipt of Medicaid. Non-Medicaid related eligibility requirements also vary.

HCBS/Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD)

- Waiver Eligibles: any age, developmentally disabled, meet Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)/MR level of care, may or may not be eligible for Medicaid.
- Waiver Services: all Medicaid services, care plan, pre-vocational services, supported employment, adaptive devices, environmental modifications, respite care, family education and training.
- Contact: nearest local Developmental Disabilities Services Office (DDSO)

HCBS/Office of Mental Health (OMH)

- Waiver Eligibles: age 5-17 years, serious emotional disturbance, multiple/complex health care needs, otherwise eligible for institutional level of care, can be cared for in home or community, need services from multiple agencies, may or may not be eligible for Medicaid.
- Waiver Services: all Medicaid services, individualized care coordination, family support, crisis response, skill building, intensive in-home care, respite care.
- Contact: local county department of mental health

HCBS/Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

- Waiver Eligibles: age 18-64 years, diagnosed with TBI or related condition, injury/condition occurred after age 18 years, eligible for nursing facility placement, able to be served under TBI Waiver in living arrangement meeting individual’s needs outside institutional setting, enrolled in Medicaid.
- Waiver Services: all Medicaid services, service coordination, independent living skills and development, structured day programs, substance abuse programs, intensive behavioral programs. Possibly housing subsidy eligible.
- Contact: DOH TBI Regional Resource Centers

Care at Home (CAH) I and II /Department of Health (DOH)

- Waiver Eligibles: under age 18 years, meet SSI criteria for physical disability, had a 30-day hospital stay, require skilled nursing care, ineligible for Medicaid due to their parents income and resources.
- Waiver Services: all Medicaid services, as well as: case management, respite, home and vehicle modifications.
- Contact: Care at Home Coordinator at local department of social services, in NYC – 212-360-5444.

Care at Home III, IV and VI/ Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMR/DD)

- Waiver Eligibles: under age 18 years, meet SSI criteria for disability, have a developmental disability, have complex health-care needs, ineligible for Medicaid due to their parents income and resources.
- Waiver Services: all Medicaid services, as well as: case management, respite, assistive technology.
- Contact: Care at Home Coordinator at the nearest local DDSO

Long Term Home Health Care (LTHHC)/Local Certified Home Health Agencies (CHHAs)

- Waiver Eligibles: any age, meet criteria for care in a Residential Health Care Facility (RHCF), choose to receive services at home, meet local and regional income and resource allowances, eligible for and in receipt of Medicaid
- Waiver Services: all Medicaid services, case management by RNs, home-delivered meals, housing improvements, respiratory therapy, medical social services, nutrition and dietary services, respite care, social day care, moving assistance, social transportation, congregate meals.
- Contact: local county health department for information and referral

2. Children With Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) and Physically Handicapped Children's (PHCP) Programs

- **CSHCN Program- Goal:** achieve statewide system of care for CSHCN and their families that links them to appropriate health and related services, identify and resolve gaps/barriers, and assure access to quality health care services. Some local CSHCN programs offer case management services.
- **Eligibility for PHCP (financial component of CSHCN program)** - county health units determine eligibility for PHCP. There are some county variations between conditions covered and financial eligibility requirements. Prior authorization from the local PHCP must be obtained for all services.
- **PHCP Programs** - statewide programs, administered locally/located in most local county health units. The PHCP has two components: the Diagnosis and Evaluation Program (D&E) and the Treatment Program. The D&E program will reimburse specialty providers for the diagnosis and development of a treatment plan for eligible children. The treatment program will reimburse specialty providers for the ongoing health and related services for children who are medically and financially eligible in their county of residence. The county standards are designed to assist families with low incomes or inadequate private health insurance to obtain medical services for their children. (Note: Counties vary as to how they participate in PHCP.)
- **Contact:** For information, or for referral to local CSHCN and PHCP programs, providers should contact their local county department of health (LDOH). (In New York City, contact the Bureau of Health Insurance Services in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at (212) 676-2950. In Washington County, contact Community Maternity Services for CSHCN information and referrals at (518) 642-1471, and for the diagnostic component of PHCP contact the Washington County LDOH.)
- **New York State contacts** for CSHCN are in the NYS Bureau of Child and Adolescent Health, Children with Special Health Care Needs Program
(518) 474-2001

STATE WEBSITE:

- **Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Resource Directory:** (Directory currently being updated and will be posted on DOH website.)

